PROCEEDINGS OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD IN

BEATRICE, NEBRASKA,

SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 1, 1899,

IN TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,

Rev. W. W. Hess, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA:
LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY,
1899.

CALENDAR, 1899-1900.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. LUTHER M. KUHNS, Omaha, Neb.
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Rev. J. N. LENTZ.

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Rev. LUTHER M. KUHNS, Rev. EDWARD F. TREFZ, three years.
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G. A. CRANNELL, one year.

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Rev. A. B. LEAMER, Rev. W. W. HESS,
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SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
Home Missions.	
Rev. H. A. WOLFE,	Rev. H. J. HAPEMAN.
Foreign Missions.	
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Church Extension.	
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Education.	
Rev. A. B. LEAMER,	Rev. G. A. NEEFF, Ph. D.
Preparatory Service.	
Rev. W. W. HESS,	Rev. E. BOLLMAN.
Communion.	
Rev. L. GROH,	Rev. J. ZIMMERMAN.
Ordination.	
Rev. D. Z. FOULK,	Rev. J. F. SPONSELLER.

Young People's Meeting.
Rev. J. N. LENTZ and Rev. LUTHER M. KUHNS.

PLACE AND TIME FOR NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—Pawnee City, Neb.
Time—September 27th, 1900.

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Pursuant to adjournment the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in Trinity Lutheran Church, Beatrice, Neb., Rev. W. W. Hess, pastor *loci*, on Wednesday evening, September 27th, 1899.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. L. P. Ludden, President of Synod. Text: 1 Cor. v. 20. Theme: "Ministers Ambassadors for Christ."

Dr. S. B. Barnitz followed with a few remarks on Home Missions.

FIRST DAY—FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1899, 9 A. M.

One-half hour was spent in devotional service.

The Synod was formally opened by the President.

The roll was called and lay delegates and new members were enrolled.

Roll.

Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegate.
W. F. Eyster, D. D.	1841	Crete, Neb.	
J. Zimmerman	1856	Lincoln, Neb.	
S. L. Aughey, LL. D., *a. e.*	1858	Lineville, Ala.	
C. A. Fritze, *a. e.*	1858	Hastings, Neb.	
J. G. Groenmiller	1858	Rockport, Mo.	
W. A. Lipe, *a. e.*	1860	Ponca, Neb.	
B. Sickel	1862	Marysville, Kan.	
H. Siekmann, *a. e.*	1862	Hastings, Neb.	
L. Groh	1863	Omaha, Neb.	
J. H. Link, *a. e.*	1865	Denver, Col.	
J. A. Clutz, D. D.	1872	Atchison, Kan.	
J. F. Cressler	1872	Rising City, Neb.	
D. Z. Foulk, *a. e.*	1873	Grand Island, Neb.	
I. N. Augustine, *a. e.*	1874	Ericsson, Neb.	
J. F. Sponseller	1874	Nebraska City, Neb.	F. W. Petring, *a. e.*
R. W. Petrea	1876	Pawnee City, Neb.	John E. Weber.
Luther P. Ludden	1878	Lincoln, Neb.	S. C. Crounse.
J. N. Zimmer, *a. e.*	1879	Benson, Neb.	
G. H. Albright, *a. e.*	1879	Lincoln, Neb.	J. J. Stein (Roca).
A. T. Ludwig, *a. e.*	1879	Allentown, Pa.	
W. Dieffenbach	1880	South Auburn, Neb.	Fred Maclay, *a. e.*
W. G. Gettle, *a. e.*	1880	Steinauer, Neb.	
Luther M. Kuhns	1885	Omaha, Neb.	Capt. J. A. Swobe, *a. e.*
R. A. White	1886	Lincoln, Neb.	Jonathan Reitz.
H. J. Hapeman, *a.*	1888	Dakota City, Neb.	
E. Bollman	1889	Davenport, Neb.	Isaiah Lambert, *a. e.*
S. R. Elson, *a.*	1889	Grand Island, Neb.	
J. N. Lentz	1892	Atchison, Kan.	
G. A. Neeff, Ph. D.	1892	Yutan, Neb.	Henry Heuck.
Max F. Schulz	1892	Blue Hill, Neb.	
W. C. Eckhart	1892	Norman, Neb.	
W. W. Hess	1893	Beatrice, Neb.	Jerry Albright.
H. Zimmerman	1893	Stella, Neb.	
J. S. Leamer	1894	Wilber, Neb.	
S. M. Lesher	1894	Dakota City, Neb.	J. F. Leamer, *a. e.*
C. J. Ringer	1894	Hardy, Neb.	H. Gorman, *a. e.*
E. F. Trefz	1894	Omaha, Neb.	
H. A. Wolfe	1895	North Platte, Neb.	
A. B. Leamer	1897	Benedict, Neb.	M. L. Warner.
.....	....	Lincoln, St. Mark's.	
.....	....	Sidney, Neb.	
.....	....	Tekamah, Neb.	G. A. Crannell.
.....	....	Wayne, Neb.	
.....	....	West Point, Neb.	
.....	....	Zion, Pawnee Co.	

a. Absent. *a. e.* Absent and excused.

President's Report.

Beloved Brethren: "Ye that make mention of the Lord keep not silence, and give Him no rest till He establish and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

We gather to-day in our Annual Synodical Convention, and yet we are not all here to greet each other face to face as in days past. As we think what death hath wrought a feeling of sadness passes over us. How very suddenly this life may end—a step and we are in eternity!

In a little while and the records of the Synodical year will be closed and a new year will be commenced. The year about closing has been one of intense anxiety to some of our people because of the loved ones far away fighting the battles for humanity's sake. It drove some of them closer and closer to God in prayer. Out of it then good must come to our churches. This has been a very busy year for your President in several of the charges, the waves of trouble seemed to rise very high as if to sweep everything before them; I am glad to report that where there was once so much distress that seemed disturbing it is quieting, and my official decisions have been accepted with a very gracious spirit on the part of all concerned. Without any further comment I place before you the official acts that require your attention.

I. PASTORAL CHANGES.

October 28th, 1898, the Rev. G. H. Albright notified me that he had changed his relation with the church at Roca from that of supply to regular pastor.

November 30th, 1898, the Rev. L. J. Motschman closed his labors at Beatrice, and on the 3d of December I granted him a letter of dismissal to the Synod of Northern Indiana.

January 17th, 1899, I granted a letter of dismissal to the Rev. E. Roglin to unite with the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

January 31st, 1899, closed the pastoral relation of the Rev. A. J. Turkle with the Kountze Memorial at Omaha. March 3d, I granted him a letter of dismissal to unite with the Pittsburg Synod.

February 19th, 1899, the Rev. W. W. Hess assumed the pastoral care of our church at Beatrice, and on March 1st, 1899, deposited his letter of dismissal from the Synod of Northern Indiana. I ordered his name enrolled.

On the 24th of March, 1899, the Rev. S. R. Elson relinquished his work as pastor at Grand Island.

May 10th, 1899, the Rev. D. Z. Foulk notified me that he had accepted the call extended to him by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Grand Island, and immediately assumed charge of the work.

July 9th, 1899, the Rev. J. F. Cressler closed his labors as pastor of the Burt County charge. September 1st, he began his labors as pastor at Rising and Surprise.

July 31st, 1899, the Rev. J. N. Lentz completed his work at Rising and Surprise, and immediately entered upon his new field of labor with Midland College.

August 28th, 1899, the Rev. A. B. Leamer notified me that he had resigned his charge at Benedict, to take effect November 1st, 1899, and that he had accepted the call extended to him by our church at West Point.

Recently the Rev. Edward F. Trefz assumed charge of the Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, and on the 25th of September sent me his letter of dismissal from the Kansas Synod. I directed the enrolling of his name.

II. VACANCIES.

The following churches are without regular pastors: St. Mark's, Lincoln; Sidney, Tekamah; Wayne, West Point; and Zion's, Pawnee County. West Point has called a pastor, but that will add Benedict to the list of vacancies after November 1st. Zion's, Pawnee County, have a supply in the person of Mr. George Livers, one of our students at the Western Theological Seminary. I desire to commend the secretaries of the congregations for their promptness in notifying me when their pulpits became vacant.

III. INSTALLATIONS.

October 4th, 1898, I commissioned the Rev. C. A. Fritze to install the Rev. Max F. Schulz as pastor at Blue Hill, Neb.

October 24th, 1898, the Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., installed the Rev. Henry Zimmerman as pastor at Stella, Neb. He was duly commissioned to perform this work.

I commissioned the Rev. L. Groh and the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns to install the Rev. G. A. Neeff, Ph.D., as pastor at Yutan, and November 20th, 1898, they attended to the work assigned them.

IV. CORNER-STONE LAYING.

March 12th, 1899, I laid the corner-stone for the new frame church at Ericsson, Neb., the Rev. I. N. Augustine, pastor. It was a beautiful day and a large congregation gathered to participate in the services. The church is now in process of erection, and is 28 by 36 feet, with an additional 10 by 10 feet for tower. It will seat about 250 people, and is the only church building in Wheeler County.

September 17th, 1899, I laid the corner-stone of the Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb., the Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., and the Rev. R. A. White assisting in the services. The church is located at the corner of Fourteenth and F Streets, and it will be a brick veneered building, 70 by 55 feet, with a seating capacity of 550 when both rooms are thrown together.

V. DEATHS.

Only four times previous to this meeting of Synod have the Presidents had to call your attention to deaths in our ranks. During this Synodical year twice

has our chain been broken: April 20th, 1899, by the death of the Rev. W. C. McCool, of West Point, Neb. And again, just as the final preparations were being made for this meeting of Synod, September 19th, 1899, the messenger came very suddenly and took from us our pioneer Lutheran pastor, the Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D., of Omaha, Neb. These brethren were both highly honored by the Church at large and by our own particular Synod. We shall greatly miss them, and their places will be hard to fill. While they are resting from their labors their works are still following them.

VI. SUSPENSION.

April 20th, 1899, a committee of the South Platte Conference filed with me formal charges against the Rev. A. C. Gearhart, D. D., of Exeter, Neb., charging him with circulating fundamental error in doctrine, Chapter III., Section 5, and Chapter XII., Section 3. I immediately suspended him from the Gospel ministry and properly notified him. I also appointed a committee of five ordained ministers, who proceeded according to our formula of government and Synod Constitution. They found the evidence sustained the charges and continued the suspension until this meeting of Synod. All the papers and findings in this case are herewith submitted to Synod for final action.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

The committee appointed at Nebraska City on union of forces at Lincoln completed the work assigned them and filed with me their full report. I forwarded copies of the report to the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, and will present the report with requests that have since been placed in my hands at the proper time.

During the year I met once with the committee of the German Synod in a conference upon the question of Traveling Secretary; subsequently they made their appointment in the person of the Rev. F. Schwarz. The other requests made of our Synod I referred to the Committee on Traveling Secretary of our Synod.

In June, 1899, I commissioned Mr. John Guteleben, of the Western Theological Seminary, to specially look after our English Lutheran people in Butler County not otherwise cared for. He was faithful in his work, but found the English Lutherans, especially at David City, unwilling to longer continue their church work.

I have co-operated with the Rev. C. A. Fritze in his efforts to gather together the Danish Lutherans in Adams County, who had no church home and were desirous of uniting with the General Synod churches. As a result a good congregation is already formed at Hastings and another congregation is forming out in the country; the two ought to make a good charge.

The removal of the Rev. A. J. Turkle left the chairmanship of the Educational Committee vacant. I appointed the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns to fill the vacancy, and all papers belonging to this committee were delivered to him, and there was no interruption in the work of this important committee.

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Circumstances made it desirable that the date of the meeting of Synod be changed from the time fixed by Synod, September 13th, 1899, to the present date, September 27th, 1899. Every member of Synod responded to the request, and all the votes were yes except two, which were conditional.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I recommend the appointing of an obituary committee to present suitable memorial on the losses we have sustained by death.

2. That Synod most heartily commend the action of the Board of Trustees of Midland College in placing a special agent in the field to look after the interests of this growing institution.

3. That Synod pay the expenses of all her regular officers in the discharge of their respective duties.

IX. CONCLUSION.

The past of our Synod has taught its lesson, the present is laden with its duties, while the future for our English work in this State is full of promise. It seems to me that there is "a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees" that ought to cause us to bestir ourselves. If the signs of these times mean revivals, let us of the Nebraska Synod be ready for the work as God moves this way. Nineteenth-century work for God is almost at an end, and twentieth-century Christianity will be the Christianity of Christ, teaching the world that He is the Saviour of nations as well as of individuals. As I look at it, the great forward movement of the times is saving the nations, and the Church must undertake her part of it.

Again I desire to thank you for the official honors you have conferred upon me in the past seven years. I now return the trust to you who committed it into my hands. And may he who assumes the work I now lay down have the same hearty, loyal support that you have accorded to me, that together as co-workers we may labor till it shall be said of us: "The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads, they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
President.

Beatrice, Neb., September 27th, 1899.

The report was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Treasurer's Report of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

To the President and Members of the Synod of Nebraska:

DEAR BRETHREN: I herewith submit my third annual report, as your Treasurer, for the year ending August 31st, 1899:

RECEIPTS.

On hand September 1st, 1898		$113 76
Received for Home Missions—		
Regular	$334 29	
Children's	107 93	
Cleveland	7 00	
Parsonage at Ericsson	6 00	
		455 22
Received for Foreign Missions—		
Regular	$205 31	
Children's	44 80	
N. E. Yeiser	7 79	
Muhlenberg Mission, Africa	8 00	
Native Helper, India	30 00	
Church at Narasarowpet, India	15 00	
Special Missionary, India	3 96	
Student in India	10 00	
		324 86
Received for Church Extension—		
Regular	$231 48	
Children's	50 44	
		281 92
Received for General Synod		50 45
" " Nebraska Synod		111 99
" " Beneficiary Education		244 04
" " Board of Education		121 87
" " Midland College Library Fund		21 82
" " Orphans' Home, Loysville		76 94
" " Pastors' Fund		46 15
" " Deaconess Board		23 66
" " National Lutheran Home		31 59
		$1904 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of Home Mission Board	$449 22
" " Foreign Mission Board	324 86

Paid Treasurer of Church Extension Board		$281 92
" " Board of Education		121 87
" " Orphans' Home		76 94
" " Pastors' Fund		46 15
" " General Synod		50 45
" " Deaconess Board		23 66
" " National Lutheran Home		31 59
" President of Midland College, Library Fund		21 82
" Beneficiaries		225 00
" I. N. Augustine Parsonage Fund, Ericsson		6 00
Paid out of Synodical Treasury—		
Lutheran Publication Society	$65 40	
For Officers' stationery	15 05	
" Treasurer's bond	10 00	
" Postage stamps	6 74	
" Binding statistical reports and postage	2 78	
" Secretary's expense account	2 10	
" Traveling expenses of the Rev. R. A. White to Grand Island and David City	4 92	
" Traveling expenses of the Special Committee to Rising City, Nebraska	6 60	
" Stamped check-book	1 00	
" Exchange to First National Bank, Lincoln, Nebraska	2 90	
		$117 49
Balance on hand September 1st, 1899		127 30
Total		$1904 27

The balance on hand is in the following accounts—

Beneficiary Education	$114 98
Synodical Treasury	12 32
Total	$127 30

The 191 receipt stubs agree with the cash account, less balance on hand, and show all the money that has been received by me during the Synodical year, viz., $1790.51. The 43 numbered vouchers submitted herewith show

how much and to whom the money has been paid. As usual, you will find a few vouchers from our General Secretaries showing money paid direct to them from the congregations; the proper credit has been given, but you will not find any bank voucher to cover the amount thus paid.

The tabulated exhibit herewith submitted needs no explanation further than the exhibit shows. Your Treasurer regrets that there were not more who could have met their apportionment, and that there were those who delayed their remittances until after my books had been closed, and thus they are deprived of credit for this year; but the amount thus received will appear in the report of the Treasurer for next year. I extended the favor of keeping my books open for ten days after August 31st, but could not go beyond that date because of a great press of other work on my hands this year; at the same time it is gratifying to know so many have raised their apportionment, and some even exceeding it.

I desire to express my thanks for your courtesies extended during the year. I hope I have not been remiss in my duty, and, if any occasion has been noticed, I trust it will be overlooked and forgotten. This being my third annual report from me as your Treasurer, it is with great pleasure that I submit my books and papers to your Auditing Committee, feeling I have performed, as an officer for the Nebraska Synod, the last and final act.

Fraternally, S. C. CROUNSE,

Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., September 1st, 1899.

The report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED BY S. C. CROUNSE, TREASURER, FROM SEPT. 1ST, 1899, TO SEPT. 27TH, 1899.

1.	Rev. W. Dieffenbach, South Auburn, Neb.	$2 00
2.	Rev. Max F. Schulz, Blue Hill, Neb.	2 20
3.	W. B. Stambaugh, Wayne, Neb.	5 00
4.	Rev. A. Y. Ludwig, Allentown, Pa.	2 00
5.	Geo. W. Livers, Pawnee City, Neb.	2 40
6.	Rev. E. Bollman, Davenport, Neb.	25 06
7.	Rev. E. Bollman, Carlisle, Neb.	2 00
8.	Rev. S. M. Lesher, Salem Charge, Dakota County, Neb.	26 34
9.	Rev. S. M. Lesher, Homer Cong., Dakota County, Neb.	3 86
10.	Rev. S. M. Lesher, Homer Cong., Dakota County, Neb.	12 14
11.	Rev. H. Zimmerman, Stella, Neb.	13 20
	Total	$96 20

Treasurer's Exhibit for the Synodical

		Home Missions.				Foreign Missions.									
		Regular.	Children's.	Cleveland.	Parsonage at Ericsson.	Regular.	Children's.	N. E. Yeiser Fund.	Native Helper, India.	Student in India.	Church at Narasarowpet.	Support of Special Missionary in India.	Church at Mühlenberg, Africa.	Porto Rico Mission.	
1	Auburn	$8 00				$9 23									
2	Benedict, Zion's	12 90				7 55					$2 00				
3	Benedict, Bethel	11 05				6 65									
4	Beatrice	13 63	$7 27			16 55									
5	Bartlett, Ericsson and Wolbach														
6	Davenport	2 69													
7	Davenport, Carlisle	5 40				75									
8	David City	4 75													
9	Dakota City, Emanuel		9 04					7 79							
10	Dakota Co., Salem	18 75				3 16									
11	Dakota Co., Homer	6 25													
12	Hastings, St. Paul's (Rev. Fritze)					3 00									
13	Hastings, St. Paul's (Rev. Seikman)	6 00							$30 00					8 00	
14	Hardy	11 95				10 00					5 00				
15	Lincoln, Grace	3 49	20 01				15 55								
16	Lincoln, First Church.														
17	North Platte	21 85				18 25									
18	Nebraska City	8 00	5 00			9 02									
19	Omaha, St. Mark's	5 00	16 66			12 00				10 00	3 00				1 71
20	Omaha, Grace	8 00	3 25			3 40									
21	Omaha, Kountze Memorial	15 00	25 52				10 57								
22	Ponca	17 00	6 50			8 60	20 00								
23	Pawnee City	13 00			6 00	12 00									
24	Pawnee Co., Steinauer	2 00				1 00									
25	Pawnee Co., Clear Creek (Kan.)	2 00													
26	Roca	7 70				6 10									
27	Rising City	6 30				4 95									
28	Surprise	12 30				8 45									
29	Stella	26 40				20 90									
30	Sidney	15 80				25									
31	Tekamah, Emanuel	12 25				9 70									
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34	Wilber	6 50				4 30									
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36	Yutan	11 50		5 00		6 00					5 00				
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38	Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D.														
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Lincoln, Neb., August 31st, 1899.

Year Ending August 31st, 1899.

Church Extension.				Education.							
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14 25	.....	1 50	4 50	15 00	5 00	1 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 13
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S. C. CROUNSE, *Treasurer.*

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Omaha, Neb.

Secretary—Rev. R. A. White, Lincoln, Neb.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, North Platte, Neb.

Treasurer—Mr. Andrew Anderson, Beatrice, Neb.

Mr. S. C. Crounse was re-elected Treasurer, but declined to serve.

Advisory Members.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, were received in their official capacity and accorded seats in the body.

Dr. Yarger addressed the Synod on behalf of Church Extension and Dr. Barnitz on behalf of Home Missions.

Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Your Advisory Board of Home Missions submit the following statements concerning the missions connected with our Synod:

Beatrice.—The Rev. L. J. Motschman closed his labors here November 30th, 1898, and the church remained vacant until February 19th, 1899, when the Rev. W. W. Hess assumed pastoral care; advancement has been made during the year, and the work is now progressing nicely.

Davenport.—The Rev. E. Bollman is still pastor at this mission; the year shows forward movement. They have reduced their indebtedness on church property and also added some improvements.

David City.—At the close of the last pastor's services, this congregation decided to disband and dispose of their property. Every effort was made to have them change this decision. The secretaries of the Boards on this western field, the officers of Synod, and the neighboring pastors visited them frequently during the year. On the evening of Tuesday, August 15th, 1899, a congregational meeting was held, written notices of the meeting having been sent to all the members; the President of Synod and the Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., were present by invitation; eight members were present; after a very full conference the congregation again voted to disband. They arranged to deed their property to the Board of Church Extension in trust for the creditors, and the personal property to be sent to the President of Synod.

Ericsson.—This charge became a mission during this year. This people are to be commended for their energy and zeal, and it ought not to be long in becoming self-sustaining. They are at present building a new frame church;

nearly all of the work on the church was donated. The pastor is building a home for himself on the lots adjoining the church.

Lincoln, Grace.—The Board began aiding this mission again May 1st, 1899. The attendance at church services and the Sunday school has steadily increased until the present chapel often will not hold the people, and the congregation are pushing their new church building to completion.

Lincoln, St. Mark's.—The secretary of the Church Council writes, under date of August 28th, 1899: "We fail to discover any evidence that ours is a mission congregation." He also asks two questions of the Synod through this Board; the same will be presented in their proper place.

Omaha, Grace.—The Synodical year has been one of prosperity. There are no special features to mention. The audiences are good. The Sunday school has about doubled the average attendance of one year ago. The prayer meeting has shown a high average attendance at the meetings of the year. The prospects are encouraging.

Omaha, St. Mark's.—Rev. L. Groh, the pastor, reports a splendid spirit of cordiality and brotherliness. The regular services are well attended. The young people of the Christian Endeavor Society are active. The Sunday school is improving in numbers and interest. The week-day prayer meeting is generally interesting. The young people are attending services better than ever.

Pawnee City.—This mission is steadily advancing. They reduced the amount asked from the Board of Home Missions this year. Their membership is not large, but everybody seems to be at work in the matter of general benevolence; they have passed up to the front rank in our Nebraska missions. Everybody gives.

Sidney.—The year has seen some advancement at Sidney. For a while we have had regular services, and had hoped that the arrangement would be permanent, but the brother, Joseph Hegner, found the work too laborious, and he was compelled to relinquish on account of his health, greatly to the regret of all. We ought to have a pastor at Sidney now; the railroad building in that vicinity and other new enterprises make almost imperative demands upon us, or our church will lose greatly.

Wayne.—Rev. H. J. Hapeman closed his labors as supply pastor during the year. The congregation have made an earnest effort to secure a pastor, and the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Church Extension have been assisting. The outlook is not discouraging. We have a fair church property and a goodly company of members.

Wilber.—This has been a year of marked interest in this mission. The attendance upon church services has almost doubled. The membership has been greatly increased, and a goodly number of others will soon be received. They will finish the new parsonage in a few days, and thus remove one of the annoying features of the work at this point. They should soon become self-sustaining.

Your Advisory Board believes that many, many important places are waiting in our State for the coming of the missionary or the return of the old traveling-secretary work. The whitening of the fields for the harvest ought to have our immediate attention.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
R. A. WHITE.

The report was received and ordered placed on the records.

On motion, the Board of Church Extension and officers of the Synod were requested to hold our church property at David City for the present, in hopes that our work there may be revived.

Rev. L. P. Ludden was appointed to preside until the arrival of the President-elect, Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

Adjourned, with prayer.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The Synod opened with prayer.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous session.

The President appointed the following list of committees:

1. *President's Report*—Rev. G. A. Neeff, Ph. D., Rev. W. C. Eckhart, Jonathan Reitz.

2. *Auditing Committee*—Rev. A. B. Leamer, M. L. Warner, J. J. Stein.

3. *North Platte Conference*—Rev. R. W. Petrea, Rev. W. Dieffenbach, S. C. Crounse.

4. *South Platte Conference*—Rev. L. Groh, Rev. J. N. Zimmer, J. F. Leamer.

5. *Minutes of Last Convention*—Rev. E. Bollman, Rev. W. Dieffenbach, Jerry Albright.

6. *State of Religion*—Rev. J. F. Sponseller, Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Rev. E. F. Trefz.

7. *Obituary Committee*—Rev. W. F. Eyster, D. D., Rev. Josiah Zimmerman, Rev. J. G. Groenmiller.

8. *Excuses*—Rev. W. Dieffenbach, Rev. J. N. Lentz, Jonathan Reitz.

9. *Leave of Absence*—Rev. S. M. Lesher, Rev. R. A. White, J. J. Stein.

10. *Resolutions*—Rev. Henry Zimmerman, Rev. C. J. Ringer, Rev. A. B. Leamer.

11. *Apportionment*—Rev. J. N. Lentz, G. A. Crannell, Rev. Max F. Schulz.

12. *Letters and Papers*—Revs. J. S. Leamer, B. Sickel, L. Groh.

13. *Case of Rev. A. C. Gearhart, D. D.*—Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., Rev. L. Groh, Henry Heuck.

14. *Calendar*—Rev. L. P. Ludden, Rev. R. W. Petrea, J. E. Weber.

15. *Sunday Services*—Rev. W. W. Hess and President of Synod.

It was ordered by vote that the Auditing Committee be instructed to include the supplementary statement of the Treasurer with his report and publish the same as an appendix to said report, with the explanation that the moneys thus referred to will be included in Treasurer's report for the next Synodical year.

Rev. L. P. Ludden presented the following report as filed with him by the committee appointed to unify forces at Lincoln, together with the following request of St. Mark's Church at Lincoln: "That we request the Synod to consider carefully the report of the committee of three ordained ministers, compare it with the promises made at Nebraska City, and pronounce upon their approval of the results in Lincoln."

The committee appointed by Synod to go to Lincoln and assist in the organizing of the Lutheran element of that city into a congregation met in a private room at Lincoln, January 12th, 1899, and after a deliberation and full conference with Rev. L. P. Ludden and several officers of Grace Church, and also Brother A. W. Easterday, who represented the First Church (formerly St. Mark's), we find that the First Church has complied with the requirements of Synod; but resolved that it is inexpedient for this committee at this time to attempt a

formal union of the Lutheran element in Lincoln, Neb., which inexpediency we much lament.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. TURKLE,
W. C. McCOOL,
J. F. SPONSELLER.

The report and request were carefully considered, and, upon motion, the report was adopted and the action of the committee approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the item in reference to an omission from the Minutes of last year, in report on page 27, be referred to the Committee on Minutes of Last Year, with instructions to include said item a part of their report, with the explanation of its omission by the Secretary.

Report of Executive Council.

The Executive Council would report that no formal meetings were held during the year; the bond of the Treasurer being approved by correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
R. A. WHITE,
JONATHAN REITZ.

The report was adopted.

The hours of Synod were fixed as follows:

Forenoon: 8.30. Devotional. 9. Business. 11.45. Adjournment.

Afternoon: 2. Business. 4.30. Adjournment. 8. Evening Service.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

1. The uplifting report of the President of Synod shows the Synod to be in flourishing condition. The committee desires to express its appreciation of the activity of its President, and offer to him its heartfelt gratitude for his zealous and self-denying endeavors in the upbuilding of this Synod for the past seven years.

2. We recommend that the President's recommendations be adopted and his official acts approved.

G. A. NEEFF,
W. C. ECKHART,
J. REITZ.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Friedrich Schwarz, the fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod, was received as an advisory member and his greetings from that body were heard.

Adjourned, with prayer.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

The sermon on Home Missions was delivered by Rev. R. A. White. Text, Gal. vi. 9.

Sermon on Church Extension was delivered by Rev. S. M. Lesher. Text, Hag. i. 2.

Collection, $4.48.

SECOND DAY—FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, 8.30 A. M.

A half-hour's devotional service was led by Rev. R. W. Petrea.

Synod was opened by singing and prayer.

Roll call.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous session.

A request was read from the English portion of the Yutan congregation that a committee be appointed to investigate the condition of the same.

The request was granted, and Rev. L. Groh, Rev. J. F. Sponseller, and G. A. Crannell were appointed.

Report of Committee on Increasing Endowment of Midland College.

Your Committee on Increasing the Endowment of Midland College present the following:

We would call attention to the action of the Board of Trustees of Midland College placing a Financial Secretary in the field, and hereby pledge ourselves to co-operate with the Secretary, Rev. J. N. Lentz, in every way practicable.

We would further recommend that the pastors of this Synod observe the Day of Prayer for Colleges, the last Sunday in January, and ask an offering for the Midland College library fund.

In reference to the catalogue of Midland College, placed in the hands of the committee, we find the enrollment for the last year to be 125. That the course of study is especially good, being equal to that of the best institutions of the West. That the work accomplished is most gratifying in every way. We note with pleasure the general prosperity of the institution, and heartily recommend it to our Lutheran people for their patronage and support.

S. M. LESHER,
H. A. WOLFE,
H. ZIMMERMAN.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Hood, of the First Presbyterin Church of Beatrice, and Rev. Mr. Elliott, of the Second Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Synod.

Report of Delegate to German Nebraska Synod.

I would respectfully report that I had the honor to attend said Synod twice since our last meeting: first at St. Joseph, Mo., September 17th, 1898, and at Hooper, Neb., September 19th, 1899.

My reception was most cordially fraternal. I found not only brotherly feeling, but practical activity in the Lord's work, which is most commendable.

Most respectfully, L. GROH.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

Your delegates to the General Synod, elected a year ago, would respectfully report as follows:

1. The General Synod met in St. Paul's Church, in York, Pa., on Wednesday evening, May 24th, when the opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D. The body was organized the next morning by electing Prof. S. F. Breckenridge, D. D., as President; Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D., as Secretary; and Mr. Louis Manss as Treasurer. The body adjourned finally on Thursday evening, June 1st, having been in session nine days. Our Synod was represented by a full delegation, three of the alternates having taken the place of *primarii* who were not able to go.

The attendance of delegates was full, and, as the Synod met in the very centre of Eastern Lutheranism, the attendance of visitors was unusually large, and great interest was manifested in all the sessions.

2. As usual at General Synod the practical work of the Church received much attention, the reports of the various Boards and discussions on them occupying a large part of the time.

All the Boards of the Church presented most encouraging reports, both as to receipts and results of their work. Especially was this true of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension, and Education.

All of these Boards reported the largest contributions for their work ever received directly from the Churches on the apportionment. The results also in all these spheres of operation have been most encouraging.

Several of the Boards, as of Home Missions and Foreign Missions, reported considerable deficiencies, but these arose, not from any falling off of receipts, but rather from the fact that the increase of receipts had not kept pace with the enlargement of the work.

The General Synod, without an opposing vote, endorsed the several Boards and their administration of the interests committed to their care.

3. The apportionment to the Board of Church Extension was increased from $35,000 to $40,000 a year, and that of the Board of Education from ten cents to fifteen cents per member.

4. Much fear had been excited before the meeting of the General Synod of a sharp controversy over the forms for Ministerial Acts, prepared by the Common Service Committee. By a modification of the first form for Infant Baptism, eliminating the features to which special objection had been made by many of the brethren, and a few amendments of other forms, mostly merely verbal changes, this report was adopted unanimously, amid great rejoicing.

5. There was much interest also in the action that should be taken on the memorials from several Synods to establish an official Church paper, to be owned and controlled by the General Synod.

The General Synod expressed itself, by an almost unanimous vote, as in favor of the establishment of such a paper, and appointed a committee to present to the next General Synod a plan for the management of it.

In this connection strong resolutions were passed protesting against the publication in our present Church papers of articles calculated to disturb the peace of the Church and destroy the Church's confidence in the Boards of the Church, or their representatives, especially when not signed by the names of the writers.

6. A very pleasing feature of the General Synod was the presence of and greetings from Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D., fraternal delegate from the General Council. What gave special importance to this event was the fact that Dr. Seiss was a member of the delegation of the Old Pennsylvania Synod, which withdrew from the General Synod assembled in York in 1864, which act resulted in the organization of the General Council in 1867. It was his first appearance on the floor of the General Synod since that date, and his kind reception and hearty greetings were a marked evidence of the return of an era of mutual respect and good-will, and a pleasant prophecy of more fraternal relations and more hearty co-operation between these two great bodies of Lutherans.

7. The reports of the Statistical Secretary and of the Committee on the

State of the Church are especially worthy of attention. They show a marked increase in the communicant membership of the General Synod, in the value of our Church property, and in all our contributions, both for local expenses and for general benevolence.

Above all, they indicate an increased devotion and activity in our Master's service, and a growing appreciation of and fidelity in the use and practice of all forms of worship and methods of work which are peculiar to us as a denomination, and which are at once our glory and our strength. Surely, if we may judge our future by comparing our past with our present, we have very much to cheer and encourage.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB A. CLUTZ,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
L. GROH,
LUTHER M. KUHNS,
H. A. WOLFE,
C. G. ELWANGER,
JONATHAN REITZ,
M. D. WILLERT,
S. C. CROUNSE,
H. S. WINGERT.

The report was adopted.

The following were appointed by the President to report the proceedings of this convention:

Lutheran Observer—Rev. L. M. Kuhns.
Lutheran Evangelist—Rev. R. W. Petrea.
Lutheran World—Rev. E. Bollman.
German Papers—Rev. G. A. Neeff, Ph.D.
Beatrice Papers—Revs. H. Zimmerman and A. B. Leamer.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

The Committee on Beneficiary Education would report that two young men received aid from the funds of Synod during the past year. Mr. Clarence Swihart graduated from Midland College in June with credit to himself, and now enters the junior class of the Western Theological Seminary. He asks Synod to assist him this year to the amount of $100, which we recommend.

Mr. William Kahse is a member of the sophomore class. He has made considerable progress. We recommend that $40 be appropriated for his support.

Mr. Oscar Woods, a member of our Church at Surprise, asks for $100 from Synod toward his support. He has not been on our funds before. We recommend that he be given the amount asked.

We also recommend the following:

1. That Mr. Sidney Wilson's name be discontinued on our list of beneficiaries, having discontinued his studies.

2. That every opportunity be given the former beneficiaries of Synod to refund the money advanced for their education, and, in case they fail to make satisfactory arrangements for such settlement, the committee be empowered to employ an attorney to collect the several amounts due Synod from each young man.

3. That twenty cents per member be apportioned to supply this fund, and that the pastors be requested to collect this money as early in the Synodical year as possible.

4. That a copy of the Minutes of Synod be sent by the Secretary to each of our young men at Midland College.

5. That the committee be authorized to assist as far as the funds will allow any other worthy young men who may present themselves during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
R. A. WHITE,
W. DIEFFENBACH,
L. GROH,
S. C. CROUNSE.

The report was adopted.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report presented by Mr. S. C. Crounse would respectfully report that we have carefully performed our duties, and report the same correct. We also recommend that the money received since the 1st of September so reported by the Treasurer be appended to said report as per instructions of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. LEAMER,
J. J. STEIN,
M. L. WARNER.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference.

Your committee would respectfully report: This conference had two meetings, at Nebraska City, September 9th, 1898; Rising City, April 11–13th, 1899. Only two things require notice by Synod, and they come up in another way: the case of the Rev. Dr. Gearheart and that of the First Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting at Rising City was well attended, and there were many interesting papers and discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers have had placed in their hands a letter from Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, in regard to the increase of apportionment of said Board; also one from John C. Parker, member of the Board of Trustees of the Home for the Aged; also several copies of their late report.

We would recommend:

1. That the attention of the pastors be called to the cause of education, and they be urged to secure the full apportionment.

2. That the attention of the members of Synod is called to the report of the Home for the Aged, a few copies of which can be had at the Secretary's desk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. LEAMER,
L. GROH,
B. SICKEL.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

As Chairman of the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence, I sent out in the beginning of July some questions touching the matter of beneficence to the various brethren of Synod, and requested them to give me their method or methods, if they had any, of raising their benevolences. In general they replied promptly. Some had methods, some had none, but each in his way hoped to reach the apportionment. From the replies received we would briefly summarize and submit

I. The methods in use as the following:

1. That of pastoral letters at Quarterly Communions.

2. That of the envelope system on special days.

3. That of a regular monthly offering through the Sunday school, and also collections taken on the festival days of the Church year.

4. That of a stipulated sum weekly. This last has evidently the sanction of Holy Writ.

This is the point to which we would wish that all our people would attain, and then push beyond. Many of the brethren combine and use two or three of these methods in their work, and their testimony is, with good results. In the use of the envelope, however, there does not seem to be any uniform method. Perhaps this is not possible, neither essential.

II. It appears that the Sunday schools raise from one-fourth to one-half of all the benevolences of the Church. This is not as it ought to be. We are getting away from the true intent and purpose of the offerings of the Sunday school. Originally the offering was to supplement that of the Church—a free-illw offering over and above that of the apportionment. We are now using

the Sunday school to do what the Church is asked to do. About the next thing the Sunday school will be asked to do by some churches will be to pay the pastor's salary. Many of them now are paying for their own supplies and helping to furnish light and fuel for the Church. The time, we think, has come to call a halt to this. Dr. C. S. Albert, at the last General Synod, called the attention of the Church to this, and suggested and requested that we should separate more clearly the children's offering from that of the Church. Let the Church raise her apportionment. Let the children supplement it.

III. There seems to be a felt need, and so a request from some of the brethren for a special benevolence envelope for its territory.

We recommend that the committee be authorized to prepare, at the expense of the Synod, envelopes suitable for its benevolences and send them out to the congregations.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. CRESSLER,
S. M. LESHER.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SECOND DAY—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

The Synod opened with prayer.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Pawnee City was chosen as the place of next meeting, and Thursday evening of the last full week of September, A. D. 1900, as the time.

Rev. L. Groh was elected as fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

Your Committee on State of Religion have carefully examined the reports from the pastors of the Synod as submitted, and we are gratified to learn that in many respects there is a growth in church activity, which is indicative of a faithful ministry in this part of God's vineyard.

Prayer meetings are established in nearly all the congregations, many of which are well attended and an active part taken by a great majority of those in attendance, which affords to the pastors a valuable index of the heart and tends to the growth of piety and spiritual strength.

The ordinances of the Church are generally faithfully observed. From the reports there are no irregularities in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and, with the exception of a few, the members avail themselves of this means of grace, by means of which they shall grow in the righteousness of Christ and be witnesses of Him who is their Redeemer, and who has promised an inheritance if they "faint not."

Infant baptism with a few exceptions is faithfully observed, and thus the children are brought into a relation with the Church.

In quite a number of the congregations there have been and are now catechetical classes organized, and the children are properly instructed according to the usages of our Church.

The Sunday schools are mostly in a flourishing condition, and we are highly gratified to learn that Gospel kindergartens are established in some of our schools, which is a new but very practical and effectual method of Sunday school work. We deplore the fact that in so very many congregations there are no organized missionary societies, and some so organized have but a feeble existence.

The spirit of beneficence has manifested itself in richer fruits than in previous years, which indicates that the spirit of God is prompting in the good work of the Lord.

A spirit of zeal for greater activity and a true compliance with the requirements of our Lord and Master is manifesting itself greatly in most of the parts of our Synodical territory. We, therefore, look for great prosperity in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SPONSELLER,
H. A. WOLFE,
E. F. TREFZ.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Case of Dr. Gearhart.

Your committee to whom the papers connected with the trial and suspension of Rev. A. C. Gearhart, D. D., were referred would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same and find that all the proceedings were regular, and that the findings of the committee were in accordance with the evidence presented.

We, therefore, recommend that the action of the committee and of the President of Synod be approved, and that the name of Rev. A. C. Gearhart, D. D., be expunged from our Synodical roll.

JACOB A. CLUTZ,
L. GROH,
HENRY HEUCK.

The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that 600 copies of the Minutes of Synod be printed at a cost not exceeding $75, including cost of delivery.

The following notice was handed in:

"I, G. A. Crannell, give notice that I will make a motion to amend the Constitution by striking out Article III. of Section 5, relating to the duties of Treasurer."

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

Your committee have examined the Minutes of said North Platte Conference, and find no record of any meeting held since October 15th, 1897. As the Apostle says: "Brethren, these things ought not so to be." This Synod divides itself into two conferences. Each of these ought to hold, according to our usual custom, two meetings every year, and at least one. According to the Constitution of our Synod, page 10, the chief object of our conferences is to preach the Word and to encourage in the work of the Lord. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it."

We wish that this Synod could impress on the minds of the brethren of the North Platte Conference the importance of this matter. That they would appreciate their duty and acknowledge their remissness, and resolve to hold at least one meeting a year.

We recommend, therefore, that Synod urge them to make a faithful effort to revive this seemingly dead conference.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. PETREA,
W. DIEFFENBACH.

The report was adopted.

Rev. L. P. Ludden was elected visitor to Midland College.

Report of Obituary Committee.

The Obituary Committee respectfully report that during the past Synodical year the great reaper, death, has removed from earth and from our ministerial roll two of our active and valued brethren, Rev. W. C. McCool and Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D.

Rev. W. C. McCool died April 20th, 1899, at West Point, Neb. He received his literary and theological education at Selinsgrove, Pa. Since his connection with this Synod he has faithfully and usefully labored, first as teacher in a church academy and afterward until his death as pastor in various charges within the bounds of Synod. His latest period of life was clouded by the bereavement of a devoted wife and by other heavy pastoral trials. In the retrospect of his sad and sudden death we can only bow in

silent sorrow and lift our hearts in prayer to the God of mercy; invoking His fatherly care and blessing in behalf of His doubly orphaned children.

Henry Welty Kuhns, D. D., was born in Greensburg, Pa., August 23d, 1829. Died in Omaha, September 19th, 1899. His long and active relation to the Lutheran Church at large, and especially his faithful and self-denying work as a pioneer minister and missionary in Nebraska and adjacent States and Territories, seems in our judgment to demand that a brief of his ministry and life-work, and of the high qualities as a Christian man and minister, which secured for him the warm esteem of all who knew him best, should be inscribed upon our Minutes as the memorial of a good man gone to the promised rest and reward.

Dr. Kuhns entered upon his work of preparation for the Gospel ministry at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., in 1851. He graduated from the College in 1856 and from the Theological Seminary in 1858. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Pittsburg Synod in the same year, and soon after was commissioned by the Allegheny Synod to be their missionary to the northwestern States and Territories. He was ordained by the same Synod in 1859, and soon after proceeded to the arduous field to which he had been commissioned. He preached at various points in Nebraska, the Dakotas, Wyoming, Western Iowa and Colorado, and made a trip of observation in the interest of missionary work to California.

He became pastor of the Lutheran Church in Omaha in 1858, in which relation he continued until 1872. He served as chaplain of the Nebraska Legislature three terms. He founded the Deaf and Dumb Institution in Omaha, securing from the Legislature of Nebraska the sum of $32,000 for this purpose. He served, while pastor in Omaha, in various other official public relations. In 1872 he received and accepted a call to become pastor of the Lutheran Church at Newberry, South Carolina, and continued in that relation until 1879. During this pastorate he secured the return of Newberry College, which had been removed to Walhalla, South Carolina, to Newberry, and was instrumental in the rearing of a building costing $20,000 for college purposes. He served for a number of years as President of the Board of Trustees, and by his personal influence contributed largely to promote the financial interests of the institution.

He removed from Newberry, South Carolina, in 1879, to Westminster, Maryland, and served as pastor of the Lutheran Church in that place until 1887. During his ministry here the strength of the charge was so greatly increased that it was divided, thus making two large and strong charges.

During his entire active ministry he established twenty-five charges and secured eighty-seven church lots. He served as President of Maryland Synod, was frequently a delegate to the General Synod, was a member of the Board of Directors of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, was for eight years a member of the Board of Home Missions, and at the time of his decease was a member of the Board of Education of the General Synod.

The later years of his life were spent in Omaha, amidst the scenes of his early pioneer ministry, and, although retired from the active pastorate, he was abundant in good words and works, preaching frequently and performing other ministerial duties as occasion and opportunity presented. He was identified with this Synod in its early period, and closed his life as one of its members, deeply interested in its work and faithful to every duty it required of him. As a preacher he was thoroughly evangelical, simple and clear in address, and ever deeply in earnest. As a man and a minister of Christ he was warm, hearty, sympathetic, and tender. His love of little children seemed like a passion that attracted them to his arms. His character was pure and spotless, and the fitting tribute to his worth may be summed up in the eulogy rendered to a New Testament saint: "He was a good man." We may well believe that he has entered the church triumphant, and has won the victor's crown. "We sorrow not as those without hope."

It remains for us, the living, to gather lessons of duty from the example of the departed; to consecrate ourselves anew with supreme devotion to the work to which God has called us in the Gospel ministry, and, above all, to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said: "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. EYSTER,
J. ZIMMERMAN,
J. G. GROENMILLER.

The report was adopted by a standing vote, while Dr. Eyster led in prayer.

The letter of Rev. George Scholl, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was read before the Synod.

It was ordered that $1.38 per member be apportioned for the various benevolences during the year.

Rev. Mr. Meyer, pastor of the German Methodist Church, was introduced to the Synod.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

Sermon on Foreign Missions by Rev. J. F. Cressler. Text, Mark xvi. 15, 16.

Collection, $5.52.

THIRD DAY—FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8.30 A. M.

One-half hour of devotional service was led by Rev. J. S. Leamer.

Synod opened with singing and prayer.

Roll call.

Reading of minutes of previous session.

Report of Committee on Difficulties at Yutan.

Your committee would respectfully report that they have heard the parties concerned. They can settle nothing here. All they suggest is the appointment of a committee of three to go to Yutan to make an investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
J. F. SPONSELLER,
G. A. CRANNELL.

The report was adopted and the following committee appointed: Revs. L. Groh, J. F. Sponseller, and L. P. Ludden.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your committee would respectfully report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we record an expression of our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the temporal and spiritual prosperity which He has vouchsafed unto us, and pledge ourselves to greater zeal and liberality in the benevolent operations of the Church, at least to raise the apportionment, and thereby abolishing deficits.

A great door of opportunity stands before our Church in missions and education. Greater needs and corresponding ability imply larger responsibilities.

2. *Resolved*, That we tender a vote of thanks to our retiring President, Rev. Luther P. Ludden, and Mr. S. C. Crounse, retiring Treasurer, for their efficient and enthusiastic service during their incumbency in office.

3. *Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod are hereby tendered to the Pastor *loci*, Rev. W. W. Hess, the members and friends of the congregation for their generous and cordial hospitality to this body; to the choir for music and song; and to the city papers for their courtesies. We request the President to read this resolution at the Sunday evening service.

4. *Resolved*, That we recognize the Anti-Saloon League of Nebraska as an efficient agent in the promotion of the temperance cause, and endorse every legitimate effort looking toward the abolition of the liquor traffic: the great foe of domestic felicity, civic righteousness, social purity, public peace, and spiritual progress. We endorse "Rescue Missions" to lessen the social evil.

5. *Resolved*, That we deplore the laxity of State laws on divorce and remarriage, and as a Synod emphatically discountenance the "spiritual wickedness in high places," or on lower levels, which bids defiance to the Christian conception of marriage, and seeks to undermine the pillars of the home, the Church and State; and be it further

6. *Resolved*, That we are unalterably opposed to according a seat in Congress to a man whose "faith and practice" are at variance with the laws of our land in regard to bigamy and polygamy. We request that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by Secretary of our Synod to our senators and representatives in Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

H. ZIMMERMAN,
C. J. RINGER,
A. B. LEAMER.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

We respectfully submit the following: Synod has placed in our hands letters from Revs. S. L. Aughey, LL. D., C. A. Fritze, H. Siekman, A. T. Ludwig, J. H. Link, I. N. Augustine, W. A. Lipe, D. Z. Foulk, W. G. Gettle, G. H. Albright, and from Brother Maclay. We ask that they be excused from this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. DIEFFENBACH,
J. N. LENTZ.

The report was adopted.

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Orphans' Home.	Totals.
Per member	.....	$0 05	$0 06	$0 16	$0 20	$0 25	$0 22	$0 22	$0 10	$0 07	$0 05	.....	$1 38
Auburn	53	2 65	3 18	8 48	10 60	13 25	11 65	11 65	5 30	3 70	2 65	.....	73 11
Benedict, Zion	75	3 75	4 50	12 00	15 00	18 75	16 50	16 50	7 50	5 25	3 75	.....	103 50
Benedict, Bethel	35	1 75	2 10	5 60	7 00	8 75	7 70	7 70	3 50	2 45	1 75	.....	48 30
Beatrice	91	4 55	5 46	14 55	18 20	22 75	20 00	20 00	9 10	6 35	4 55	.....	125 51
Bartlett, Ericsson, Bartlett, Wolbach	13	65	80	2 10	2 60	3 25	2 85	2 85	1 30	90	65	.....	17 95
Davenport	105	5 25	6 30	16 80	21 00	26 25	23 10	23 10	10 50	7 35	5 25	.....	144 90
Davenport, St. Paul's	20	1 00	1 20	3 20	4 00	5 00	4 40	4 40	2 00	1 40	1 00	.....	27 60
Dakota City, Emanuel	39	1 95	2 35	6 25	7 80	9 75	8 60	8 60	3 90	2 75	1 95	.....	53 90
Dakota County, Salem	78	3 90	4 70	12 50	15 60	19 50	17 15	17 15	7 80	5 45	3 90	.....	107 65
Dakota County, St. Paul's	22	1 10	1 30	3 50	4 40	5 50	4 85	4 85	2 20	1 55	1 10	.....	30 35
Grand Island	28	1 40	1 70	4 50	5 60	7 00	6 15	6 15	2 80	1 95	1 40	.....	38 65
Hastings, St. Paul's	76	3 80	4 55	12 15	15 20	19 00	16 70	16 70	7 60	5 30	3 80	.....	104 80
Hastings, St. Paul's	30	1 50	1 80	4 80	6 00	7 50	6 60	6 60	3 00	2 10	1 50	.....	41 40
Hardy	105	5 25	6 30	16 80	21 00	26 25	23 10	23 10	10 50	7 35	5 25	.....	144 90
Lincoln, Grace	108	5 40	6 50	17 30	21 60	27 00	23 75	23 75	10 80	7 55	5 40	.....	149 05
Lincoln, First	57	2 85	3 40	9 10	11 40	14 25	12 55	12 55	5 70	4 00	2 85	.....	78 65
North Platte	97	4 85	5 80	15 50	19 40	24 25	21 34	21 35	9 70	6 80	4 85	.....	133 84

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Orphans' Home.	Totals.
Per member	.....	$0 05	$0 06	$0 16	$0 20	$0 25	$0 22	$0 22	$0 10	$0 07	$0 05	.....	$1 38
Nebraska City	70	3 50	4 20	11 20	14 00	17 50	15 40	15 40	7 00	4 90	3 50	.....	96 60
Omaha, St. Mark's	72	3 60	4 30	11 50	14 40	18 00	15 85	15 85	7 20	5 05	3 60	.....	99 35
Omaha, Grace	101	5 05	6 05	16 16	20 20	25 25	22 20	22 20	10 10	7 05	5 05	.....	139 31
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	250	12 50	15 00	40 00	50 00	62 50	55 00	55 00	25 00	17 50	12 50	.....	345 00
Ponca	104	5 20	6 25	16 65	20 80	26 00	22 90	22 90	10 40	7 30	5 20	.....	143 60
Pawnee City	40	2 00	2 40	6 40	8 00	10 00	8 80	8 80	4 00	2 80	2 00	.....	55 20
Pawnee City, Zion	10	50	60	1 60	2 00	2 50	2 20	2 20	1 00	70	50	.....	13 80
Roca	35	1 75	2 10	5 60	7 00	8 75	7 70	7 70	3 50	2 45	1 75	.....	48 30
Surprise	41	2 05	2 45	6 55	8 20	10 25	9 00	9 00	4 10	2 85	2 05	.....	56 50
Rising City	32	1 60	1 90	5 10	6 40	8 00	7 05	7 05	3 20	2 25	1 60	.....	44 15
Stella	125	6 25	7 50	20 00	25 00	31 25	27 50	27 50	12 50	8 75	6 25	.....	172 50
Sidney	21	1 05	1 25	3 35	4 20	5 25	4 60	4 60	2 10	1 45	1 05	.....	28 90
Tekamah, Emanuel	50	2 50	3 00	8 00	10 00	12 50	11 00	11 00	5 00	3 50	2 50	.....	69 00
Tekamah, Grace	33	1 65	2 00	5 30	6 60	8 25	7 25	7 25	3 30	2 30	1 65	.....	45 55
Wayne, St. Paul's	55	2 75	3 30	8 80	11 00	13 75	12 10	12 10	5 50	3 85	2 75	.....	75 90
West Point	137	6 85	8 20	21 90	27 40	34 25	30 15	30 15	13 70	9 60	6 85	.....	189 05
Wilber	50	2 50	3 00	8 00	10 00	12 50	11 00	11 00	5 00	3 50	2 50	.....	69 00
Waverly	45	2 25	2 70	7 20	9 00	11 25	9 90	9 90	4 50	3 15	2 25	.....	62 10
Yutan	40	2 00	2 40	6 40	8 00	10 00	8 80	8 80	4 00	2 80	2 00	.....	55 20
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J. NELSON LENTZ, G. A. CRANNELL, M. F. SCHULZ.

It was moved that the following action be placed upon our minutes, and the Secretary be instructed to send a copy to Dr. Scholl, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions:

"We desire to express our sincere regret that he did not find it possible to be present at our Synodical session. We appreciate his courteous attention in sending us a letter. We rejoice in the encouraging statements made in the letter, both as to the results of the work of the Board and the increased receipts from the churches for its support, and we hereby pledge ourselves and our churches to support the Board and its Secretary by our sympathy, our prayers, and our contributions."

Report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Mr. President and Brethren: Your Committee on Traveling Secretary, through its former Treasurer, would make the following financial statement for the year ending August 31st, 1899:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

September 1st, 1898, balance on hand	$139 84	
Received from rent	185 00	
Total		$324 84

CONTRA.

Paid insurance three years	$24 00	
Paid taxes two years	79 55	
Paid sundry repairs	18 79	
		122 34
Balance		$202 50

There may be more taxes due, and also may have special taxes assessed during the coming year.

W. W. SWAIN, *Treasurer.*

During the year an effort was made to obtain money to warrant the committee in placing a man in the field.

Copies of the report of the Committee on Traveling Secretary, together with subscription cards, were sent to all our pastors. The response was not very encouraging. Efforts will still continue to be made to secure funds sufficient to enable the committee to assume the support of a secretary and to meet the current expenses of the work.

As the term of office of Rev. A. J. Turkle, W. A. Lipe, and Mr. J. F. Wilhelmy expire with this year, it becomes necessary for Synod to appoint a committee to nominate three members of this committee, whose term of office shall be three years.

RECOMMENDATION.

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to secure at least $1200 for the work of the next year, commencing January 1st, 1900, and that all expenses of the Committee on Traveling Secretary be paid out of the treasury of the committee, and that the salary of the Secretary shall not exceed $1000, with the house.

On behalf of the committee, LUTHER M. KUHNS,
Secretary of the Committee on Traveling Secretary.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer.

THIRD DAY—SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Convention have examined the Minutes of said convention and find nothing claiming the attention of this body except the omission of the following item in the report on Item 8 of the report of Advisory Board of Home Missions: "We further recommend that the Board of Church Extension be requested to assume all obligations against Grace Church without regard to any further aid that may be rendered the new congregation."

We accept the explanation of the Secretary that the omission of this item was accidental from the fact that copies of the report had been furnished the various parties concerned, and these contained said item, and therefore did not affect the action of the committee appointed by Synod to assist in effecting a union of the Lutheran element in the city of Lincoln.

Respectfully submitted, E. BOLLMAN,
W. DIEFFENBACH.

The report was adopted.

Notice of an Amendment to the Constitution.

I give notice that one year hence the following amendment will be offered for adoption by the Synod:

"It is moved that the last clause of Section 9 of Article IV. be stricken out, and the following inserted: 'All parochial reports shall be sent by the members of Synod to the Statistical Secretary not later than two weeks previous to the meeting of Synod.'"

H. A. WOLFE.

Bill of $6.25 was allowed the Secretary for Synodical expenses.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

The report was adopted, afterward reconsidered.

Rev. L. P. Ludden was appointed to fill vacancy on the committee.

The following was then adopted by Synod:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence report that the following brethren have asked to be excused from further attendance upon this session of Synod: Revs. B. Sickel, W. Dieffenbach, G. H. Neeff, Ph. D., C. J. Ringer, S. M. Lesher, E. F. Trefz, H. A. Wolfe; Laymen S. C. Crounse and G. A. Crannell.

1. We recommend that the following brethren, having furnished a constitutional excuse, be excused: Revs. H. A. Wolfe, C. J. Ringer, and B. Sickel; Laymen S. C. Crounse and G. A. Crannell.

2. We recommend that the following brethren, not having presented a constitutional excuse, be not excused: Revs. W. Dieffenbach, G. A. Neeff, Ph. D., S. M. Lesher, Max F. Schulz, E. L. Trefz.

LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
R. A. WHITE,
J. J. STEIN.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

I give notice that at the meeting of Synod to be held in September, 1900, I will move an amendment to the Constitution by adding to Article IV., Section 6, page 7: "No minister or licentiate shall leave Synod before final adjournment without being excused by Synod. Members so leaving will stand in contempt of Synod until Synod excuses them, and persistence in violation of this section of the Constitution will subject themselves to discipline, even to the extent of suspension from the ministry."

L. P. LUDDEN.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Several of our brethren leave Synod every year, claiming that they must be home for Sunday services; therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod be instructed to send to every pastor, at least 30 days before the meeting of Synod, a written notice to be read to the congregations that Synod requires all members to remain at Synod on Sunday, and that our congregations be requested to formally excuse the pastors from preaching at home on the Sunday of Synod.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read in full and formally approved.

The following motion was adopted: That Synod finally adjourn at the close of Sunday evening services.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 8 P. M.

Preparatory sermon by Rev. J. N. Lentz. Text, Luke xxiv. 47.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Trinity Lutheran Church—11 A. M., Rev. J. F. Sponseller. Holy Communion. 8 P. M., Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D.

Centenary Church—A. M., Rev. J. S. Leamer; P. M., Rev. J. F. Sponseller.

Christian Church—A. M., Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D.; P. M., Rev. L. P. Ludden.

First Presbyterian Church—P. M., Rev. L. Groh.

Congregational Church—A. M., Rev. W. F. Eyster, D. D.; P. M., Rev. A. B. Leamer.

Baptist Church—A. M., Rev. L. Groh; P. M., Rev. R. W. Petrea.

Second Presbyterian Church—A. M., Rev. H. Zimmerman; P. M., Rev. J. F. Cressler.

Methodist Episcopal Church—A. M., Rev. J. S. Leamer; P. M., Rev. E. Bollman.

German Methodist Episcopal Church—A. M., Rev. J. G. Groenmiller.

At the conclusion of services Sunday evening the President, according to action of Synod, declared Synod formally adjourned, to meet in Pawnee City, Neb., the Thursday evening of the last full week of September, A. D. 1900.

R. A. WHITE,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	PAROCHIAL.																			Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Losses.			Accessions.						Finances.					
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.			
G. H. Albright, 1642 M St., Lincoln.	Zion's Evangelical	1	..	1	..	....	....	2	....	2	....	5	....	....	35	$2000 00	.....	$329 33			
I. N. Augustine, Ericsson	First	1	1	..	..	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	13	800 00	$150 00	420 00			
Edwin Bollman, Davenport	Christ's, Davenport	1	1	1	..	10	1	4	....	13	2	9	3	....	105	3000 00	800 00	1159 20			
	St. Paul's, Carlisle	1	..	..	..	3	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	20	.....	.....	135 00			
Jacob A. Clutz	Pres. Midland College.	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....			
W. Dieffenbach, South Auburn	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	3	....	2	....	3	2	5	....	....	53	3500 00	.....	311 75			
W. C. Eckhart	Without a charge	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....			
David Z. Foulk, Grand Island	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	....	1	....	19	....	....	4	....	....	28	10000 00	1075 00	.....			
C. A. Fritze, Hastings	St. Paul's	1	1	*1	..	29	39	1	....	83	1	2	1	1	198	1500 00	†650 00	480 00			
L. Groh, 1539 N. 19th St., Omaha	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	15	....	3	12	7	....	6	2	....	71	2000 00	.....	950 00			
W. W. Hess, Beatrice†	Trinity	1	..	3	..	8	1	3	....	4	....	4	4	....	91	7000 00	2000 00	835 97			
H. W. Kuhns, D. D., deceased.		..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....			
Luther M. Kuhns, 2569 Pierce St., Omaha	Grace	1	..	1	..	30	....	2	....	6	....	....	....	....	101	20000 00	3000 00	1261 48			
J. S. Leamer, Wilber	First	1	..	1	..	10	....	4	....	3	14	9	3	3	50	3000 00	150 00	750 00			
A. B. Leamer, Benedict	Zion's	1	..	2	..	....	1	....	....	2	5	4	7	....	75	3000 00	235 00	498 00			
	Bethel	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	35	1800 00	80 00	236 00			
J. Nelson Lentz, Rising City ‡	First Eng., Rising City.	1	..	1	..	5	1	2	....	....	2	4	4	....	32	6000 00	475 00	564 95			
	Zion, Surprise	1	..	1	1	....	1	1	....	2	....	2	....	....	45	2500 00	300 00	290 00			
S. Martin Lesher, Dakota	Emanuel's	1	..	1	..	15	....	1	1	2	6	3	1	1	39	1300 00	.....	305 64			
	Salem	1	..	..	..	8	....	2	....	2	1	3	....	1	78	4000 00	.....	583 33			
	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	....	....	3	1	6	....	1	....	....	22	1000 00	.....	152 45			

* Bible Lesson. † On the Extension Board. ‡ In charge of the field seven months. § September 1st, 1898, to August 1st, 1899.

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1	1	10	63	$37 70	$26 00	...	...	...	$9 65	$1 00	$7 00	$6 10	$6 10	$2 00	...	$21 75	...	...	...	...	...	$47 10	$576 43
2	1	8	45	20 00	12 00	...	...	...	1 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27 00	422 00
3	1	13	150	35 00	25 00	20	$36 00	...	1 00	...	11 00	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 10	196 00
4	1	10	75	25 00	8 00	...	...	...	1 00	...	3 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	143 00
5	1	11	160	40 00	...	43	...	...	1 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	21 25	332 00
6	1	5	45	50 00	...	...	...	...	...	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 00	3 00
7	1	18	140	60 00	30 00	25	...	...	1 50	4 55	25 00	25 00	12 72	5 00	14 47	...	4 00	...	2 00	82 00	...	15 00	495 00
7	1	16	122	60 00	41 21	45	9 95	89 55	1 75	5 20	16 55	16 55	16 55	17 49	...	20 71	...	6 19	3 50	4 35	7 50	100 50	1060 96
8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 00	...	1 00	1 00	...	...	...	1 00	1 00	...	...	...	121 00	957 00
9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	5 00
10	1	12	156	71 81	16 00	24	31 75	...	3 35	3 00	11 00	8 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	...	1 00	...	...	...	15 00	60 35	775 91
11	1	12	160	65 00	...	20	25 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	12 00	12 00	5 15	2 00	6 43	...	...	1 45	...	...	...	35 97	545 97
12	1	9	110	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47 15	270 15
13	1	10	80	30 00	10 00	30	3 00	...	3 00	1 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	5 00	...	2 35	1 00	1 00	1 00	...	34 37	601 22
14	1	10	50	18 00	12 00	30	3 00	...	1 00	1 00	6 00	4 00	7 00	3 00	6 00	4 00	...	2 00	2 00	1 00	...	38 00	326 00
15	1	10	80	41 24	18 00	30	1 00	...	1 00	1 00	6 00	6 00	9 00	3 00	6 00	...	2 70	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 14	38 24	481 38
16	1	11	65	37 00	2 00	100	23 00	5 00	...	1 00	6 00	5 00	14 25	5 00	6 00	...	2 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	9 72	115 22	681 30
17	1	12	130	60 00	20 00	100	25 00	5 00	1 00	4 00	18 00	15 00	14 75	5 00	6 00	...	2 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 10	38 25	745 30

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Pastors' Names and Addresses	Congregations, Names of.	PAROCHIAL. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
W. A. Lipe, Ponca		1	1	3		10	1			5	1	3	3		104	$8000 00	$800 00	$900 00	[illegible]
Luther P. Ludden, Lincoln	Grace	1		3		10	1	7		5		8	9		107	5800 00	4700 00	770 07	[illegible]
G. A. Neeff, Ph. D., Yutan	Zion's, German	1			1	8				22		4			30	3500 00		548 30	[illegible]
	English			1				1							10			189 37	[illegible]
R. W. Petrea, Pawnee City	The First Ev. Luth. Ch. of Pawnee City	1	1	1		12		2	2	3		3	2		40	1000 00		250 00	[illegible]
	Grace Ch., Steinauer																		[illegible]
C. J. Ringer, Hardy	Union Lutheran	1	1	2						2	1		2		105	2500 00		777 32	[illegible]
J. F. Sponseller, 306 S. 9th St., Nebraska City	First Lutheran	1		2		23				2	3		9		70	8100 00	200 00	850 00	[illegible]
E. F. Trefz, Omaha	Kountze Memorial	1													250				[illegible]
R. A. White, Lincoln	Trinity	1		2		15			*7	4	2	8		3	45	2000 00		453 19	[illegible]
H. A. Wolfe, North Platte	First	1		2		20	1		4	15		10	1		97	9000 00		965 00	[illegible]
H. Zimmerman, Stella	Trinity Ev. Luth. Ch.	1		2	1	22	1	2		1	2	4	7	5	125	5200 00		996 63	[illegible]
Sidney, vacant	Trinity	1				15	1			1					21	4500 00	158 00	*50 00	[illegible]
Tekamah, vacant	Emanuel	1		1			1			3					50	1800 00		284 90	[illegible]
	Grace	1											3		36	1000 00		275 00	[illegible]
Totals for 1899		31	6	35	3	271	52	42	46	202	42	105	63	14	2181	124800 00	$14773 00	$16572 88	37
Totals for 1898		37	6	45	3	291	43	43	115	244	41	134	46	12	2418	224900 00	17963 00	46055 73	38
Increase							9				1		17	2					[illegible]
Decrease		6		10		20		1	69	42		29			237	100100 00	$3190 00	$29482 85	[illegible]

* Vacant all year.

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1	1	1	30	$62 53	$96 37	69	$60 00	$10 00	$1 95	$5 90	$23 50	$18 60	$18 60	$8 80	$19 60	$29 35	.....	$1 40	$1 95	$4 90	$57 50	$192 05	$1092 65
2	16	16	145	106 53	56 46	.....	.....	.....	1 95	5 90	24 00	15 55	18 75	3 00	6 40	24 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	175 05	945 12
3	1	7	50	20 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	5 40	553 70
4	1	6	40	32 47	15 62	25	15 40	10 00	.....	1 00	5 40	6 00	6 00	1 00	.....	.....	$1 00	3 04	.....	.....	2 61	6 50	289 44
5	1	9	30	12 00	.....	20	250 00	.....	70	1 10	13 00	12 00	12 00	7 00	7 50	12 00	3 15	8 50	1 40	1 75	20 00	100 18	359 18
6	2	20	150	55 00	13 30	35	5 80	5 00	2 10	5 85	11 95	15 00	3 70	3 55	10 50	.....	2 00	6 20	.....	.....	10 00	70 85	846 17
7	1	21	160	105 00	19 35	45	6 00	.....	1 20	3 65	13 00	9 02	11 60	2 50	7 00	.....	1 07	7 81	.....	.....	2 61	39 46	909 46
8	1	11	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 47	.....	40 32	10 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 56	57 56
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10	1	13	125	55 77	27 55	35	11 00	.....	1 80	5 45	21 85	18 35	17 40	15 10	18 20	.....	8 20	7 55	3 65	4 55	5 28	127 28	1062 28
11	1	15	152	30 61	11 00	35	85 00	5 00	2 20	6 60	36 40	20 90	20 90	9 90	22 00	24 80	9 90	4 19	4 40	5 50	21 70	179 30	1176 02
12	1	7	70	40 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 05	12 25	9 70	9 70	4 60	10 20	19 00	3 50	3 00	1 75	1 85	.....	80 15	352 00
13	1	8	45	16 00	.....	25	5 00	5 00	1 65	.....	8 25	3 50	7 00	1 25	2 45	.....	.....	5 25	.....	.....	.....	25 36	303 36
17	31	342	3031	1167 03	496 46	668	376 83	871 96	81 95	90	925 50	818 60	818 60	80	819 60	329 35	.....	81 40	91 95	84 90	857 50	3192 05	10892 65
24	24	405	2210	1659 36	467 23	1037	557 71	1125 82	94 54	143	25 347	89 354	99 272	92 121	93 268	24 80	69 77	99 02	19 03	25 33	439 31	2457 42	44029 02
41	34	748	5241	2826 39	963 69	1705	933 54	1996 78	176 49	233	1850 50	907 60	917 60	173	1087 60	353 35	69 77	180 42	111 60	29 33	1296 81	5449 42	54921 67

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H. A. WOLFE, *Statistical Secretary.*

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